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Glen Helen Regional Park Improvements OK'd

SAN BERNARDINO - Parents watching their children descend waterslides at Glen Helen Regional Park will have it made in the shade next year thanks to funding championed by Second District Supervisor Paul Biane and the diligence of County staff.

On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors unanimously accepted a \$766,858 bid for renovation and improvement projects at Glen Helen Regional Park in Devore and Mojave Narrows Regional Park in Victorville.

Supervisor Biane included Glen Helen Regional Park improvements in a package of contingency fund projects that were approved by the Board of Supervisors in November 2004.

The County Architecture and Engineering Department stretched the funding by combining Glen Helen Regional Park improvements with a project to make playground equipment at Mojave Narrows Regional Park more accessible to children with disabilities. The move reduced the bid price by about \$188,678.

"I applaud County staff for having the foresight to combine these projects and save tax dollars," Supervisor Biane said.

Glen Helen Regional Park improvements will include bleachers with shading next to the waterslides, a zero-depth pool and another shaded sitting spot.

“Parents like to watch their children playing on the waterslides, but they’ve had to do it while baking in the hot, summer sun because there’s no shade,” Supervisor Biane said. “Once this project is complete, they can cool off in the shade and watch their kids enjoy the slides.”

The park’s zero-depth pool will feature water-spraying nozzles for children to play with, but all the water will run down drains beneath mesh flooring. Because no water will accumulate, the pool will be safe for more children.